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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : Richard Cramer, Robert Jilek, Qian Liu, Stefan
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TITLE : A Method For Searching Heterogenous Compound
Databases Using Topomeric Shape Descriptors and
Pharmacophoric Features

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2003

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated October 6, 2004. Accompanying this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to April 6, 2005 along with the required fee and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the required fee.

Amendments to the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.